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This settlement is contrary to every sentencing principle.

Primarily, it flies in the face of both general and specific deterrence. This will deter no one from abusing monopoly power, most obviously not Microsoft. Rather, it encourages disrespect for the law and fair competition because there is no negative consequence to the illegal behaviour. A monopoly that uses its power to crush competition can now look forward to:

- no punitive sanctions IF it is prosecuted,
- having conditions of doubtful effectiveness imposed on it, that MAY hinder some of its future malfeasance.

If this settlement is concluded, it will beg the public to conclude that it was motivated by politics rather than principle - that this administration looks the other way when its friends do wrong.

Thank you for your consideration.